

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for producing small paper rolls, the apparatus comprising:

a rewinding machine, said rewinding machine producing elongated paper rolls;

a trimming device, said trimming device trimming at least one end of each roll  
5 produced by said rewinding machine to form trimmed rolls;

a trimmed roll store element, said trimmed roll store element receiving said trimmed rolls from said trimming device, said trimmed roll store element storing the trimmed rolls;

a cutting-off machine, said trimmed roll store element supplying said trimmed rolls to said cutting-off machine, said cutting-off machine subdividing the trimmed rolls into a  
10 plurality of small rolls.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said trimming device further comprises:

an entry section for the entry of the rolls to be trimmed;

an exit section for the exit of the trimmed rolls;

5 a trimming station with trimming means for trimming the rolls;

a roll moving means for moving the rolls between said entry section, said trimming station and said exit section;

a [[log]] roll retaining means, associated with said roll-moving means, for retaining the rolls when subjected to said movement.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said [[log]] roll retaining means are grippers for clamping said paper rolls.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said grippers are associated with said means for moving the rolls.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said trimming device includes a means for transferring the rolls from the entry section to said means for moving the rolls, said means for transferring the rolls being disposed between said section for the entry and said means for moving the rolls, said means for transferring the rolls comprising a body, said body being mounted on a shaft parallel to the rolls which enter said entry section, said body having a plurality of seats.

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25. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said trimming device is located upstream of said trimmed log store element.

26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said cutting-off machine is located downstream of said trimmed log store element, said cutting-off machine being located downstream of said trimming device.